ஏழை விவசாயிகளுக்கும் டிராக்டர்கள் கிடைக்க வேண்டுமானால், ஒவ்வொரு தாலூகாவிலும் ஒரு டிராக்டர் வைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது உதவி செய்யுமா என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இந்தக் கேள்வி வேறு விஷயத்தைப்பற்றியது. முதலிலே, அங்கத்தினர் கேட்டதுபோல், இது ரொம்ப ஏழை விவசாயிகளுக்கான திட்டம் அல்ல. கொஞ்சம் சுமாராக நிலம் வைத்துக்கொண்டிருப்பவர்கள் சொந்தமாக டிராக்டர் வாங்குவதற்குக் கடனைக் கொடுத்துத் திருப்பி வாங்கும் திட்டம் இது. அது அல்லாமல் விவசாயிகளுக்கு டிராக்டர்கள் வாடகைக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படுகின்றன.

Training course for Hindi Pandits

* 46 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to institute training courses for Hindi Pandits?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : No, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware of the fact that there is no separate training course for Hindi Pandits and that the course conducted by the Hindi Prachar Sabha is one in Literature *plus* some training, the duration of which is ten months or so? (In view of the fact that even Oriental Title-holders are compelled to undergo this course in Literature, will the Government see that they provide a separate course under the auspices of the Hindi Prachar Sabba or under the auspices of the Government themselves, say, for a duration of five months or so?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : So far, I have not heard of any complaints about this. But, if there is a real grievance and if any representation is made in this regard, it will be looked into.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, the real grievance is there. Many representations have been received by me and I have been repeatedly making a mention of this on the floor of this House on many occasions. So, will the Government kindly see that a separate training course is run either by the Hindi Prachar Sabha or by the Government themselves so that at least the Oriental Title-holders of the Madras University may not be asked to undergo an inferior course before they get this training?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already answered the question If any written representation is made, I shall look into it.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Have any complaints from any of the trainees in the institutions conducted by the Hindi Prachar Sabha been received that the training was far from satisfactory?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Not to my knowledge, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Do the Government give any subsidy to the Hindi Prachar Sabha for running this course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, a stipend of Rs. 18 is given to each of the trainees. We also give some grants to the institution.

House-rent allowance to teachers

* 47 *Q.*--SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 9 answered on 2nd July 1957, whether any decision has since been taken to grant house-rent allowance to teachers in aided secondary institutions in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to defer the proposal on account of the heavy commitment by way of expenditure that a grant from the State Funds towards such an allowance would involve.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly consider this now at least when they are spending thirty crores of rupees under the Five-Year Plan every year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, this year's quota has already been allotted to the teachers and an increase of Rs. 5 in their salaries has been given. I am trying to do something at least, every year.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As this benefit of Rs. 5 is to reach all the teachers who have already been getting the house-rent allowance and those who have been denied the same, will the Government see that no discrimination is made between one teacher and another, especially when the Government have been saying that they have sympathy for the teachers and when there is talk of equal pay for equal work and similar pay for similar work and all those things?

3-10 p.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This should not be taken as want of sympathy.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education tell us whether he has done something for them in his financial proposals which he must have finalised by this time?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : He should wait for that and see. But I have already stated that this year's quota has already been exhausted.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Chair kindly allow a half-hour debate on this question as it affects a large number of teachers?

MR. CHAIRMAN : No. Next question.